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FOLLOWING IS OUR ESTIMATE OF THE PRESS QUESTIONS MOST LIKELY TO  
COME UP DURING MRS. CARTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE AND AT ENCOUNTERS  
WITH REPORTERS AT AIRPORTS AND DURING CALLS:

1. GENERAL POLITICAL

--WHY HAS MRS. CARTER COME TO BRAZIL? DOES SHE HAVE A SPECIFIC  
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER FOR THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT OR HAS  
SHE COME TO NEGOTIATE ON SPECIFIC ISSUES SUCH AS THE NUCLEAR ISSUE?

--WHEN WILL SECRETARY VANCE VISIT HERE?

--WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF MRS. CARTER'S VISIT TO THE CONSULTATIVE  
PROCESS UNDER THE MOU? DOES MRS. CARTER PLAN TO DISCUSS THE  
RESUMPTION OF REGULAR CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE MOU? OR IS THE MOU  
A DEAD LETTER?

--DOES THE FACT THAT THE US HAS SHOWN SO LITTLE INTEREST IN  
CONTINUING THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS INDICATE THAT THE NEW ADMINIS-  
TRATION HAS SHIFTED ITS PRIORITY FOR SPECIAL CONCERN IN LATIN  
AMERICA FROM BRAZIL TO MEXICO, SINCE WE NOTE THAT THE MEXICAN

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PRESIDENT WAS THE FIRST CHIEF OF STATE TO VISIT PRESIDENT CARTER?

--HOW DOES IT FEEL TO VISIT A COUNTRY WHERE HUMAN RIGHTS ARE  
VIOLATED?

--DOES MRS. CARTER CARE TO COMMENT ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS  
ADOPTED BY PRESIDENT GEISEL IN APRIL? DOES SHE CONSIDER THESE

REFORMS ANTI-DEMOCRATIC? IF SO, WILL THEY MAKE US RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL MORE DIFFICULT?

--DID PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO GENERAL GEISEL, WHICH WAS DELIVERED MARCH 29 ON THE EVE OF THE REFORMS, MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO UNDO DAMAGE TO US-BRAZIL RELATIONS CAUSED BY THE RELEASE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT? WAS THE LETTER IN FACT AN APOLOGY TO PRESIDENT GEISEL FOR THE US HANDLING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AS IS OFTEN RUMORED HERE?

-- WHY DID PRESIDENT CARTER CHOOSE TO SEND PRESIDENT GEISEL A LETTER, WHICH WAS APPARENTLY INTENDED TO REAFFIRM A CLOSE PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIP, AT A TIME WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS PREPARING TO CLOSE THE CONGRESS AND ADOPT ANTI-DEMOCRATIC REFORMS? HOW CAN SUCH AN ACTION BE SEEN AS CONSISTENT WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS?

-- HOW POPULAR IS PRESIDENT CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY IN THE US? HAS THE ADVERSE REACTION IN BRAZIL AND SOME OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO HIS HUMAN RIGHTS POSITION IMPAIRED HIS POPULARITY?

--IN VIEW OF BRAZIL'S REJECTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND ITS ABROGATION OF THE 1952 MUTUAL SECURITY AGREEMENT, WILL THE US MAINTAIN ITS MILITARY MISSION IN BRAZIL? IF SO, FOR WHAT PURPOSE AND HOW WILL IT JUSTIFY ITS EXISTENCE TO CONGRESS? WILL THE MISSION BE KEPT BUT REDUCED IN SIZE?

-- WHAT IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MILITARY ADVISORY GROUPS AND YOUR CHOICE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL (ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN NAMED TO HAVE THEIR MAAG'S ELIMINATED) FOR YOUR FIRST VISIT AS FIRST LADY TO LATIN AMERICA?

## 2. HUMAN RIGHTS

-- IF THE (PROPOSED) HARKINS-BADILLO AMENDMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IS ENACTED INTO LAW, HOW WILL THE US DEAL WITH BRAZILIAN APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS FROM IFI'S?

--IS THERE CONCERN IN THE US THAT THE RENUNCIATION BY SUCH COUNTRIES AS BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE WILL ULTIMATELY WEAKEN US SECURITY INTERESTS IN THE SOUTHERN CONE AND THE SOUTH ATLANTIC? IS THE US SEEKING A WAY TO CONTINUE SOME FORM OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO THOSE COUNTRIES IN SPITE OF THE RENUNCIATION?

--IS IT TRUE THAT US MILITARY STRATEGISTS ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE EFFECTS OF THESE US POLICIES ON US MILITARY LINKS TO BRAZIL AND

OTHER SUCH COUNTRIES?

--IS THE US CONSIDERING MEANS OF RESISTING THE FLOW OF INVESTMENT  
OR LOANS BY PRIVATE FIRMS OR BANKS TO COUNTRIES WHOSE HUMAN  
RIGHTS PERFORMANCE IS -SUBSTANDARD"?

--RECENT STATEMENTS BY SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE US GOVERNMENT  
SUGGEST THATTHE US IS MOVING TOWARD A SOFTER LINE ON HUMAN RIGHTS.  
IS THIS CORRECT? IS THIS A RESULT OF THE STRONG RESISTANCE BY  
BRAZIL AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES? HOW HAS THE US POSITION  
EVOLVED AND WHERE DO HUMAN RIGHTS FIT AMONG US INTERNATIONAL  
PRIORITIES NOW?

--DO YOU SHARE AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S BELIEF AS STATED IN HIS  
ADDRESS TO ECLA, MAY 4, THAT SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
ARE INEXTRICABLE? IF SO, HOW SPECIFICALLY WILL THIS BE DEMONSTRATED  
IN USG ECONOMIC POLICIES AFFECTING LATIN AMERICA?  
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-- HOW WOULD YOU CONTRAST FREEDOM OF THE NEWS MEDIA IN YOUR  
COUNTRY WITH OUR FREEDOM HERE IN BRAZIL?

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### 3. NUCLEAR

--DO ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN'S RECENT STATEMENTS IN BRASILIA, COMBINED WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S MAY 2 STATEMENT TO EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS, "WE ARE NOT GOING TO TRY TO IMPOSE OUR WILL ON OTHER COUNTRIES...", MEAN THAT THE US HAS GIVEN UP ON ITS PRESSURES AGAINST THE REPROCESSING AND ENRICHMENT PARTS OF THE BRAZILIAN-GERMAN AGREEMENT?

--DOES THE US NEVERTHELESS STILL OBJECT TO THESE PARTS OF THE AGREEMENT?

-- DID THE NEGATIVE WORLD REACTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S NACG J  
POLICY INITIATIVES FORCE HIM TO RETREAT? AT THE SUMMIT, WASN'T HIS NUCLEAR POLICY RECEIVED COOLY?

--HAS BRAZIL BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL-CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM, AND IN A WORLD CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH IT ?

--WILL THE US COOPERATE WITH BRAZIL IN NUCLEAR ENERGY?  
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--WILL BRAZILIAN-US RELATIONS IMPROVE NOW THAT THE US IS NOT GOING TO TRY TO IMPOSE ITS WILL ON THE BRAZILIAN-GERMAN AGREEMENT?

--DOES PRESIDENT CARTER' NUCLEAR RETREAT MEAN THAT THE US HAS ACCEPTED THE INEVITABILITY OF BRAZIL'S RISE TO GREAT POWER STATUS?

--WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION TO SEEK SENATE RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOL I OF THE TLATELOLCO TREATY?

--HOW CAN THE US SEEK SENATE RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOL I OF THE TLATELOLCO TREATY?

--HOW CAN THE US SEEK TO CONTROL HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION WHEN THE SUPERPOWERS CONTINUE THEIR ARMS RACE?

-- WILL THE US WORK WITH BRAZIL TO NEGOTIATE A MODIFIED NPT WHICH BRAZIL CAN ACCEPT?

### 4. COMMERCIAL POLICY

--WHY IS US TRADE POLICY SO PROTECTIONIST AGAINST BRAZIL, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE US HAS ENJOYED A LARGE TRADE SURPLUS WITH BRAZIL?

--ALTHOUGH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION DID NOT ACCEPT THE ITC'S RECOMMENDATION TO IMPOSE QUOTAS/TARIFFS ON SHOE IMPORTS, HOW CAN BRAZILIAN INDUSTRIES BE ASSURED THAT FUTURE RESTRICTIONS

WILL NOT BE IMPOSED ON SHOES OR OTHER PRODUCTS?

--IS THE USG PREPARING TO IMPOSE NEW RESTRICTIONS ON ANY BRAZILIAN EXPORTS TO THE US?

5. FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC MATTERS

--HOW DOES THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT VIEW THE CURRENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES OF BRAZIL AND THE MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR DEALING WITH THEM?  
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6. COMMODITIES

--WHAT DO YOU THINK OF CHARGES THAT THE BRAZILIANS ARE MANIPULATING THE COFFEE MARKET? ARE SUCH CHARGES STILL WIDELY BELIEVED IN THE US? DO THEY REMAIN A PROBLEM IN US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS?

--HOW CAN YOU JUSTIFY USG SUPPORT FOR A CONSUMER COFFEE BOYCOTT (I.E., PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT ON DRINKING TEA)?

--IS THE CONSUMPTION OF COFFEE IN THE US FALLING? WHY?

7. NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE

8. REGIONAL OR HEMISPHERIC QUESTIONS

--IS THE US SEEKING TO "NORMALIZE" ITS RELATIONS WITH CUBA?  
WILL THIS PROCESS GO FORWARD EVEN THOUGH HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES IN CUBA ARE SUBSTANTIAL AND CUBAN TROOPS REMAIN IN ANGOLA?

--NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND PANAMA RESUMED ON MAY 9; WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF A SETTLEMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST CARTER ADMINISTRATION? WHAT ARE THE CHIEF ISSUES BLOCKING A SETTLEMENT? IF NO SETTLEMENT IS REACHED, WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT OF THE IMPASSE ON US RELATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND WITH BRAZIL IN PARTICULAR?

9. MRS. CARTER COULD REASONABLY EXPECT OTHER QUESTIONS RANGING OVER GAMUT OF US FOREIGN RELATIONS IN AREAS OUTSIDE OF HEMISPHERE. BRAZILIAN PRESS IN PAST HAS SOWN SOME INTEREST IN ASKING US OFFICIALS ABOUT US POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, WESTERN EUROPE, NATO AND THE SOVIET UNION, AND ON SUCH FUNCTIONAL ISSUES AS PETROLEUM, LAW OF THE SEA, TERRORISM AND THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

10. FOR PRESS CONFERENCE, WHICH WE NOW TENTATIVELY PLAN TO HOLD JUNE 7, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT MRS. CARTER PLAN TO RESPOND TO ALL QUESTIONS IN ENGLISH. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE ENGLISH-PORTUGUESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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